Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1 1. (ORIGINAL) An optical disc comprising:
- 2 optical information written onto the optical disc, said information being readable by
- 3 an optical source and an associated optical detector, the optical information including
- 4 contents and a table of contents, wherein
- a portion of the table of contents is damaged, making the optical information not
- 6 readable by the optical detector, wherein the contents are significantly undamaged.
- 1 2. (ORIGINAL) The optical disc of claim 1, wherein the damaged portion is a hole.
- 1 3. (ORIGINAL) The optical disc of claim 2, wherein the hole extends in the range of 3
- 2 micrometers to 10 millimeters radially.
- 1 4. (ORIGINAL) The optical disc of claim 3, wherein the hole extends 5 millimeters radially.
- 1 5. (ORIGINAL) The optical disc of claim 2, wherein the hole is circular in shape.
- 1 6. (ORIGINAL) The optical disc of claim 2, wherein the hole extends at 1.33 micrometer
- 2 circumferentially.
- 1 7. (WITHDRAWN) An apparatus for rendering a portion of a table of contents of an
- 2 optical disc unreadable, the apparatus comprising:
- a feeder for feeding and supporting the optical disc;
- 4 a hold mechanism disposed on the feeder for holding the optical disc in the feeder
- 5 after the optical disc has been fed into the feeder; and

- a damaging mechanism facing the optical disc for damaging a portion of the table
- 7 of contents of the optical disc, wherein
- 8 the damaging mechanism is disposed such that the damaging mechanism damages the
- 9 optical disc in a pre-defined location and the damaged portion renders the optical disc
- 10 unreadable.
- 1 8. (WITHDRAWN) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the damaging mechanism is a
- 2 punch for punching out the portion of the table of contents.
- 1 9. (WITHDRAWN) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the damaging mechanism is a drill
- 2 for drilling out the portion of the table of contents.
- 1 10. (WITHDRAWN) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the damaging mechanism is a
- 2 laser source for physically removing the portion of the table of contents by laser ablation.
- 1 11. (WITHDRAWN) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the damaging mechanism is a
- 2 piercing mechanism for piercing through the portion of the table of contents by laser
- 3 ablation.
- 1 12. (WITHDRAWN) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the damaging mechanism distorts
- 2 the portion of the table of contents by heat.
- 1 13. (WITHDRAWN) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the damaging mechanism is a
- 2 torch.
- 1 14. (WITHDRAWN) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the damaging mechanism faces
- 2 the optical disc at an angle other than 90 degrees.

- 1 15. (WITHDRAWN) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the damaged portion of the table
- 2 of contents extends in the range of 3 micrometers to 10 millimeters radially.
- 1 16. (WITHDRAWN) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the damaged portion of the table
- 2 of contents extends 5 millimeters radially.
- 1 17. (WITHDRAWN) A method for processing an optical disc having optical information
- 2 written on the disc, the method comprising the steps of:
- 3 receiving an optical disc having optical information written thereon including
- 4 contents, a table of contents and other information including an identifier of the disc;
- 5 comparing the disc identifier with a reference to determine if there is a match, and
- if there is no match, rendering a portion of the table of contents unreadable but
- 7 without significantly damaging the contents.
- 1 18. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 17, wherein the rendering step physically
- 2 removes the portion of the table of contents.
- 1 19. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 17, wherein the unreadable portion of the table
- 2 of contents extends in the range of 3 micrometers to 10 millimeters radially.
- 1 20. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 19, wherein the unreadable portion of the table
- 2 of contents extends 5 millimeters radially.